

Causes & Passions

How to identify where God is calling you to give

Discovery exercises from NCF's Giving Strategy™ guidebook and online experience

With generosity as a guiding principle of your faith, there are many ways that passion can be expressed through giving. The following exercises will help you identify the causes and issues that bring you joy, challenge your heart, or compel you to invest. Let's clarify your reasons for giving and define the specific charities and ministries that God is calling you to support.

QUIET REFLECTIONS

Reflect on each aspirational statement below.

My giving is aligned with my	I have found the right charities	When I am asked to give, I know	
passions.	and ministries to support.	when to say "yes" and when to say "no."	
I am actively joining God in his plans for the world.	My giving is aligned with what God is passionate about.	I give my time and talent to causes I care about.	
My heart is very connected to the causes I support.	I can see how my personal journey has equipped me to respond to needs in the world.	My giving pushes me outside my comfort zone.	

As you think about where you give, what do you feel most confident about?

What feels challenging or unfamiliar?

CAUSES

Look through the list of causes below, and follow each of these four prompts.

- 1. Draw a \$ next to any cause(s) you have supported financially.
- 2. Draw a \bigstar next to any cause(s) you have supported with time, skills, or influence.
- 3. Draw a ✓ next to any cause(s) God may be calling or equipping you to begin supporting.
- 4. Draw a ♥ next to the causes you feel most passionate about. These could be causes that bring you great joy, break your heart, or draw you nearer to God.

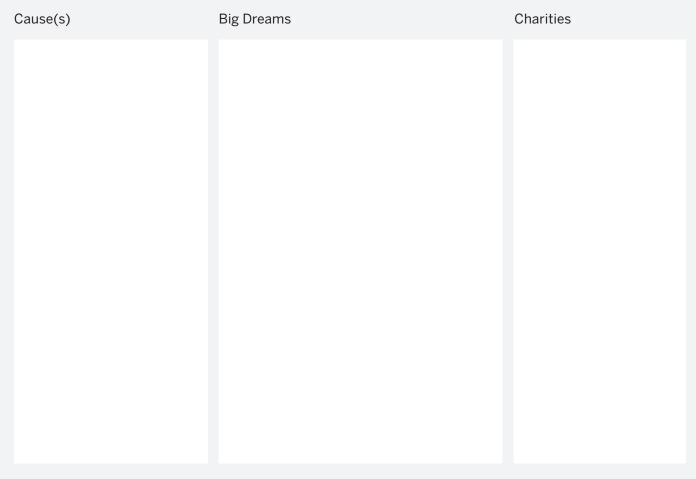
	Addiction	Disaster Relief	Legal Services	Public Policy
	Adoption & Foster Care	Domestic Violence	Marketplace Ministry	Retreat Centers &
	Animal Protection & Welfare	Education	Marriage	Camps
\		Environment	Media & Publishing	Refugee Support
	Apologetics	Evangelism & Missions	Medical Care	Right to Life
	Arts & Humanities	Family	Medical Research	Single Parents & Widows
	Bible Translation	Food Supply	Men's Ministry	Slavery
	Children's & Youth		_	Social Justice
	Ministry	Giving & Generosity	Mental Health	Spiritual Development
	Christian Persecution	History	Microfinance	Sports & Recreation
	Church	Homelessness	Military Support	·
	Church Planting	Housing	Museums	Student Ministry
	Civil Rights	Human Rights	Orphan Care	Water Quality & Supply
		Human Trafficking	Pastoral Care	Women's Ministry
	Colleges & Universities	_		
	Community	Humanitarian Aid & Development	Police & Fire Department	
l	Development	•	Prayer	
	Developmental Disabilities	Jobs & Workplace	Prison Ministry	
	Disabilities	Leadership Development	- -	

What does this tell you about where you want to allocate your resources in the future?

BIG DREAMS

Giving is an opportunity to join God in his big dreams for the world. In the left column below, make a list of the causes you want to support with your giving. What dreams has God placed on your heart for each of these causes?

Write a statement that describes your dream for each cause in the middle column. What charities or ministries have a mission that aligns with your dream statement for each cause? Record those in the column on the right.



Review your full list and circle the charities you would like to give to in the next 6-12 months.

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